

## **ABSTRACT**

A method is provided for communicating a description of a bond between a first entity and a second entity and includes the step of selecting at least some attributes that are associated with the bond from a plurality of bond attributes. Next, a value for each of the at least some attributes is chosen. Next, the description of the bond is created by formatting the values for the at least some attributes according to a document type definition. Finally, the description of the bond is communicated between the first entity and the second entity.